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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE: Application of Jeff T. HUTCHINS et al.

Serial No.: 10/038,694

Art Unit: 1653

Filing Date: December 31, 2001

Examiner: Snedden, Sheridan

For: *Superficial Zone Protein and
Methods of Making and Using Same*

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2003 (Paper No. 8) for which a 1 month shortened statutory period to respond was set. Accordingly, a Petition and Fee for a 2-month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, extending the period of time for response to February 26, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1392. Early examination of the application on the merits is earnestly solicited.

REMARKS

Claims 1-80 are pending in this application. The Examiner has required restriction to one of six (6) groups. In response to such restriction, Applicants wish to proceed as follows.

Applicants elect without traverse Group IV drawn to a method of making protein, claims 9-19, for proceeding with prosecution on the merits.

Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper other than those specifically authorized herewith. However, should any other fees be